

his power must be weakened by what has happened this summer, and as he knows quite well the influence which his connection with India has upon the minds of his subjects he will scarcely run the risk of widening the breach between himself and the British authorities. Rather should his efforts be directed to closing it at this critical period of his reign while there is yet time to do so. Money, arms, munitions of war, these are what he needs to re-establish his authority, and they can come only from India.

At Mahomed, the Amir's representative at Wana on the borders of Afghanistan is misbehaving himself. General Sir James Browne, Agent to the Governor-General, Baluchistan, sent a letter to him recently, and the party bearing it was fired upon when returning some being wounded.

A force from Dera Ismail Khan, under command of Colonel Davidson, have reached Kojat Kach in the Gomal. Various persons have been shot as to British officers having been killed on the Dera Ismail frontier, but inquiry shows them to be untrue.

SIMLA, August 26th.
The latest reports state that Duffdar Atta Mahomed and party, returning from Wana, were attacked on the 14th instant by 600 Waziris near Rodat. One horse of the levies was killed and three men and two horses wounded. One Waziri was shot. A sword and saddle-pad belonging to the 9th Bombay Cavalry was recovered, a fact which clearly fastens the guilt of the late shooting of the Bombay Cavalry upon the Waziris.

Atta Mahomed was deputed to carry a copy of the letter from the Government of India to the Amir complaining of the Waziris' behavior to Sirdar Gul Mahomed. The place where he was attacked is the mouth of the Indus, where it runs into the Gomal about half way between Gelach and Kapanich. A post will probably be established at the mouth of the Indus.

August 26th.
There is now no doubt that the Hazara rebellion against the Amir is most serious. All the big tribes including Sheikh Ali Boud and others have joined in it. Amir Abdul Rahman has already collected 20,000 regulars and 20,000 levies and other levies are joining his side. He has given out that he intends to crush the Hazaras and to divide up their lands among the tribes, and the levies excited by cupidity and by the promises of rewards are apparently joining him daily in large numbers.

It must be remembered that the rebellion though extremely serious in one sense is not so from another point of view. The Hazaras are fighting purely on the defensive to defend their lands and rights for the present. The situation is distinctly due to the inability of the Afghan soldiery when quartered among them.

There is not much doubt that the Amir will eagerly welcome Lord Roberts' mission. He will probably try and convince all those now wavering in their support that the Government of India are sending up their Commander-in-Chief and an army to help him.

The letter from the Government of India offering the mission left Simla on the 23rd July, and an answer may now arrive any day, but the Amir has not yet replied to it. The letter is complaining of the attitude of the Waziris, so delay must not surprise one, and the answer when it arrives is not at all unlikely to stipulate that Kabul and not Jellalabad shall be the meeting place.

There is no further news of the Russian movements on the Pamirs or elsewhere.

CALCUTTA, August 26th.
All the largest Hazara tribes, including the Sheikhs, Ali Boud and others, have joined the formidable rebellion against the Amir. The Hazaras were originally aggressors, but provoked by the cruelty of the Afghan soldiery quartered among them are now fighting in defence of their homes. In these complications the Amir will probably send a prompt reply accepting Lord Roberts' mission, but may name Kabul instead of Jellalabad as the place of meeting. He has, however, not yet replied to a previous Government letter complaining of Waziri attacks on the soldiers of the Bombay Cavalry.

PARIS, August 26th.
Advices from the West Coast of Africa state that the French fleet is bombarding the Coast of Dahomey. A small column of French troops have had a sharp encounter at Kotonou with four thousand natives who were armed with Winchester rifles. Two French were killed and ten wounded.

ALABAMA, August 26th.
The rebellion among the Hazaras has spread so steadily that the Amir is said to have collected 20,000 regular troops and a similar number of levies in order to subdue it. He has announced his intention of dividing Hazaristan among the Afghan tribesmen when the rising is crushed.

SIMLA, August 26th.
The Firakis are raiding in the Simla district and the rebellion against the Amir is spreading. The Government General there has prevented the Firakis from marching against them.

News has reached Dr. Robertson which clearly points to a fresh conflict between the Russians and Afghans at Nizak, but details are wanting.

August 26th.
The Chinese envoy and Mr. Macartney from Kashgar have reached Gilgit for the installation of the "Chief of Poonah." Reports received at Gilgit show that the Chinese are in the district, where they were before the Afghan and Hazara war in favour of the latter. It is doubtful whether the reports are reliable.

Yet further trouble has occurred in Afghanistan. The Firakis section of the Chur Afghans, are reported to have sent raiding parties into Sur-pul District, east of Malakand. The Firakis hold the country east of Kalam, Malakand, and the great mountain ranges of the Hindukush, and the great river, the Indus, the sources of the Murghab river. This fresh rising is directly due to the recent revolt among the Uzbeks about Malakand. The Government of the latter district is unable to deal with the Firakis owing to the danger which threatens him nearer home.

The levies which revolted were unsuccessful in their attack on Malakand, but they are not yet dispersed. The town of Sur-pul is halfway between Malakand and Bala. The Uzbeks and the Firakis ridings, if not directly, due to intrigues set on foot from beyond the Russo-Afghan border after the Kala-Nao affair, seem to have some connection. As matters go it would not come as a surprise to hear of an active rebellion breaking out in the immediate neighbourhood of Herat itself.

LONDON, August 26th.
In the House of Commons last night, Sir Charles Dilke gave notice that he would, in the next Session, bring forward a motion to call attention to the declarations made by successive Administrations regarding Egypt, and to move an address to the Queen praying for the resumption of negotiations (carried on in 1887) for the neutralization of Egypt under conditions enabling Her Majesty's Government to secure the permanency thereof.

CALCUTTA, August 26th.
A fresh collision has occurred between the Russians and Afghans at Nizak. No details have been received yet.

A detachment of Gurkhas has left Gilgit for Ator.

News has been received at the Army headquarters, Bombay, of a sudden attack by Afghans on a party of the 9th Bombay Cavalry who were guarding near Fort Godwin.

were killed and their carbines stolen. Some Bombay Regiments will go at once to the frontier.

MADAME BERNHARDT'S SON.

Before young Maurice, Madame Bernhardt's son, and only child, settled down and married, the famous actress used to take him along with her on her triumphal tours around the world. He was a strikingly handsome young fellow, slender, and somewhat shy, with a dark mouth, and of a decided aristocratic manner. Of course, with a celebrated mother, doing on the stage, and a celebrated father, doing on the stage, he had no reason for refraining from showing his wild cat. And this he did in America as well as at home, and the mother who adored him always ungrudgingly found the money for him. On one occasion, five years ago, young Maurice was initiated into the great American game of poker at a New York Club, and lost some \$1,000. And on another occasion he lost a victim to some sharks in another club, who secured him out of \$7,000 in a bacarat. Although his mother paid, pretty highly for the luxury of his mother's money, he was not a gambler.

"That is now quite different," Madame Bernhardt remarked recently. "He is now a married man, with a little daughter of nearly two years, and a man of independent means, who doesn't need to depend on his mother's pocket-book any longer. He is now 26, and a fine, manly fellow, who has been in the army, and has done for a living. For a young man, he is a good deal of a success."

"Didn't I say that he had plenty of means?" He makes verses—very verses—something on the beautiful eyes of his wife, and sometimes on something else. He doesn't make verses, but he does make a good deal of money. He is now a married man, with a little daughter of nearly two years, and a man of independent means, who doesn't need to depend on his mother's pocket-book any longer. He is now 26, and a fine, manly fellow, who has been in the army, and has done for a living. For a young man, he is a good deal of a success."

"And didn't he fight four duels for my sake?" Madame Bernhardt continued with increasing warmth. "Only four?" "Only four! Why, isn't that more than enough? Oh, the suspense and the dread when I knew him to face his antagonist!" "What did he fight with—pistols or swords?" "With the sword, every time. And he never received a scratch. He is very strong in fencing, and a splendid pistol shot as well, they say. And he is now so happy with his young wife! They often make me think that I, after all, made a botch of my life!"

A WONDERFUL KINGDOM.

M. Mison, who has just returned to France, was charged by the French Committee of Rio de Janeiro to undertake the commercial exploration of some of the more remote and less-known regions of the French Congo. He is now 39 years of age, and by his physical constitution and his spirit of enterprise is well adapted for the trying work of African exploration. He has given a very interesting account of his adventures, and some of his stories show either that the imagination of French travellers is still as fertile as ever, or that the wonders of the Dark Continent are far from exhausted by the many expeditions which have been lately penetrated to its virgin recesses. Mr. Mison's account of the marvellous kingdom of Adamawa. The monarch of this hitherto unknown empire has an army of 40,000 men, besides a sort of foreign legion of Mohammedan mercenaries 100,000 strong. They are divided into army corps, and are commanded by the provincial governors, and the officers are all clad in silken uniforms. Every week the Sultan holds an important review, when, at the sound of the trumpet, the warriors converge under their divisional banners. A large detachment of body-guards are habited in suits of mail and plumed helmets, dated from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when they were brought into the country by unknown European merchants, who naturally participated such garments would find a ready market in a tropical climate. Strange to say, the warriors of Adamawa are not negroes but whites, and Mr. Mison explains this anomaly by the hypothesis of an Egyptian invasion in some remote epoch, when, apparently, it was quite easy for a large population to transport itself from the most northern reaches of the Nile to the southern banks of the Niger. These extraordinary people are polygamous and agricultural, and they have reached a high degree of civilization. It is said to have been the perdition device of the officers of the British Niger Company, who have been in possession of M. Mison's remarkable narrative, for, with the numerous jealousy which characterizes the treacherous Briton, they made more than one attempt on the life of the gallant Frenchman. M. Mison has, however, arrived home safely, and has not only brought with him a marvellous "budget of travellers' tales," but also a specimen of the Adamawa people, in the shape of a young and charming female of the species. Curiously enough, this young lady, whose name is Salabou, is a white girl, and she is a negress, albeit a very pretty one, and she speaks the language of the indigenous Albin better than that of the black Galla. She is the daughter of a chief, and not only does she adore M. Mison, but she kisses all his male visitors, including the reporters and interviewers. The latter gentlemen have declared her ravishing in spite of her black complexion, and she is likely to be the loveliest of the race. She has white teeth and laughing eyes, wears a pink frock with coral and gold jewellery, and her curly head is surmounted by a black straw hat, with coquettish vermilion ribbons. There are considerable possibilities of civilization in her character, for she has foreworn cannibalism, and has cultivated quite a Parisian taste for waltzes and *affaires*.

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